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IN THE BIZ, MOST "SUICIDES" ARE ACTUALLY MURDERS.
...
SUGAI-SAN MIGHT COMMIT SUI-CIDE?!
OH ...
I'M SORRY... I'M JUST SUR-PRISED.
HEY. KURO-KI?
NO, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A MORE SERIOUS REASON, TOO...
BUT I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO TALK ABOUT IT WITH THE RANK AND FILE
I GUESS I SHOULD JUST REACT NORMALLY..
BUT... HER?
WAS HER BREAK-UP THAT HARD ON HER?

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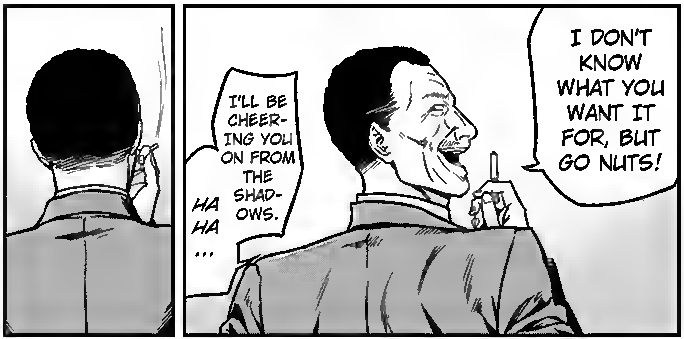
IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, THEN IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY.
WH...!
JUST KEEP A SUBTLE EYE ON HER WHEN YOU'RE WITH HER.
HM... WELL, GOOD FOR YOU.
A HUMAN LIFE IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE.
IT'S NOT? I CAN'T BE SO INDIFFERENT.
IF YOU KEEP TAKING THINGS TO HEART, YOU'RE NOT GONNA LAST.
BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WON'T WORK OUT NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY.

YOU'LL LEARN A LOT FROM SOAKING IN EVERY-THING ABOUT THE BIZ.
JUST LIKE HOW THIS BLAND KONN-YAKU GETS ITS DELICIOUS FLAVOR FROM SOAKING IN BROTH...
GLONP
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MEAL.
SORRY FOR THE SEMI-LECTURE. JUST KEEP WORKING HARD.
?
...OH! I ALMOST FORGOT THIS!

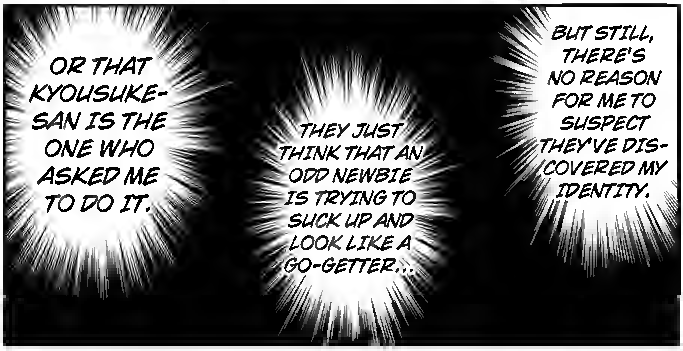
oop!
SOMEONE FROM GENERAL AFFAIRS ASKED ME TO HAND IT TO YOU OVER DRINKS.
IT'S THE COMPANY DATA YOU ASKED CHIEF AKATSUKI FOR.
HMM ?
...

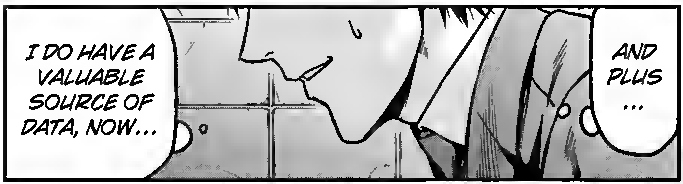
OH!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THE CHIEF SCOLDED ME THE OTHER DAY...
HE SAID, "YOU DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THIS BUSINESS!" SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD STUDY UP...
OH?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT IT FOR, BUT GO NUTS!
I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON FROM THE SHADOWS.
HA HA ...

SEE YOU.
GOOD NIGHT, SIR!

DAMN IT!
GRIND
I THOUGHT KYOUSUKE-SAN WOULD GET IT FOR ME HIMSELF ...
I WAS CARE-LESS.
WAS THE CEO INFORMED ABOUT IT TOO?
BUT ...
THEY HAD NO PROBLEM GIVING IT TO ME... IS CHIEF YOSHIDA INNOCENT IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR?

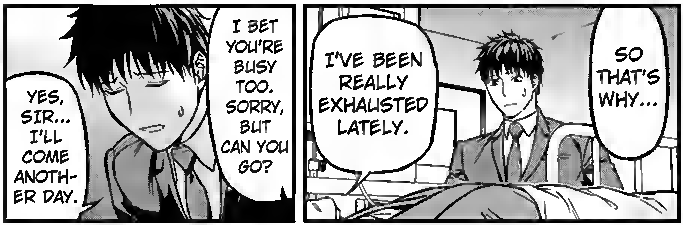

BUT STILL, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO SUSPECT THEY'VE DISCOVERED MY IDENTITY.
THEY JUST THINK THAT AN ODD NEWBIE IS TRYING TO SUCK UP AND LOOK LIKE A GO-GETTER...
OR THAT KYOUSUKE-SAN IS THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO DO IT.

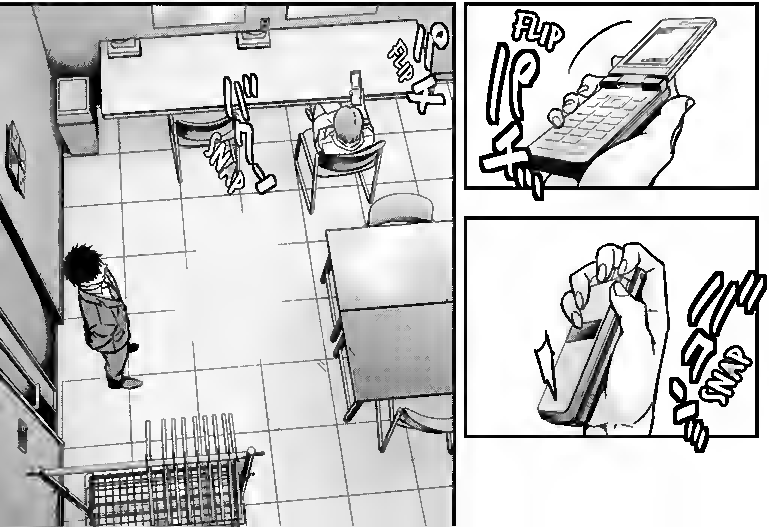

AND PLUS ...
I DO HAVE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF DATA, NOW...

...
...
CRAP!

HUH ?
YOUR LIVER ...?

THEY REALLY WHACKED ME HARD WITH A METAL BAT, SO IT'S SWOLLEN, APPARENTLY.
THERE'S STILL BLOOD IN MY URINE...


SO THAT'S WHY...
I'VE BEEN REALLY EXHAUSTED LATELY.
I BET YOU'RE BUSY TOO. SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GO?
YES, SIR... I'LL COME ANOTH-ER DAY.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SNAP

KOUTAROU JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE MIGHT KILL HERSELF...